

Syria, PLO hold talks

DAMASCUS, April 9 (R). — Syrian President Hafez Assad and Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), met today to discuss strengthening Syrian-Palestinian relations, the Palestine news agency Wafa reported. It said the five-hour talks also covered latest Middle East developments following the Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon. The two leaders, in talks Wafa described as "positive, brotherly and fruitful," also discussed the hardline front — comprising Syria, the Libyan Jamahiriya, South Yemen, Algeria and the PLO — which is opposed to Egypt's solo peace overtures to Israel.

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Moscow slams U.S.'s neutron bomb decision

MOSCOW, April 8 (R). — The Kremlin today dismissed President Carter's decision to postpone stockpiling the neutron bomb as a tactic without significance.

The official TASS news agency carried Moscow's first reaction to the Carter announcement made yesterday that America would not at present make the bomb.

The Americans portrayed the delay as a challenge to Moscow to restrain its deployment of new weapons, like the S-20 mobile nuclear missile.

But TASS said today Mr. Carter's move "did not represent a significant renunciation of the neutron weapons."

TASS said in a dispatch from Washington that Mr. Carter wanted to "gain concessions in other non-related matters... attempting to connect renunciation of the weapon with measures to strengthen Soviet defence facilities."

Moslems in Israel may make Mecca pilgrimage

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 8 (R). — Arab Moslems in Israel will be able to make the traditional pilgrimage to Mecca later this year for the first time since 1948, the chairman of the Higher Islamic Council in Jerusalem said today on his return from a visit to Saudi Arabia.

Sheikh Hilmi Al Mukhtasib said reporters the Saudi government would permit Moslems from Israel to travel to Mecca this year via Amman.

Last November the Jordanian Ministry of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs said it had received word from Saudi Arabia that Moslems could go to Mecca this year provided they carried Jordanian travel documents.

Sheikh Hilmi said Israeli Moslems would be provided with Saudi visas in Amman on travel documents to be issued by Jordan on the recommendation of the Waqfs office in east Jerusalem.

White House representatives it is also clear that one of the main motives of the decision... is the desire of the U.S. government to create maximum favourable atmosphere in public opinion to deploy in the future the neutron weapons in Western Europe... TASS said.

The neutron weapon would kill people by intense radiation but over a relatively small area, its limited blast would leave most structures intact.

NATO advocates of the weapon claim it would help stop a Soviet tank thrust in Western Europe without causing wide allied casualties, but opponents regard it as barbarous and likely to hasten a transition from conventional war to nuclear holocaust.

The Soviet Union has campaigned strongly against the neutron weapon since mid-1977. In a speech in Vladivostok yesterday, President Leonid Brezhnev said the Soviet Union would reject any attempts by the United States to "trade off" the neutron bomb against Soviet arms concessions.

Mr. Carter yesterday did order modernisation of Lance missiles and of cannon based in Europe, ready to take a neutron bomb if production was later decided upon.

Many such missiles and cannon are based in West Germany where the government had been reported ready to allow the neutron weapon to be deployed and where Mr. Carter's decision got him a bad press today.



A villager in south Lebanon holds unexploded "cluster bombs" that were dropped by Israeli planes during the invasion of south Lebanon last month. The American-made cluster bomb contains hundreds of these bombs that shower a wide area, indiscriminately killing all living things. The use of the cluster bombs in the Israeli invasion has aroused some criticism in the United States. (AP wirephoto)

U.S.: Israel used cluster bombs

WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). — The United States said today that Israel used American-made cluster bombs in southern Lebanon last month in violation of a mutual defence agreement.

A State Department spokesman said: "We have confirmed that Israel used CBUS (cluster bomb units) supplied by the United States."

The United States is discussing the matter with Israel, the spokesman said.

The bombs, which scatter shrapnel grenades across a wide area, come under a 1952 mutual defence agreement between

the United States and Israel.

It defines the conditions under which U.S.-supplied weapons may be used — full-scale war or against well-entrenched enemy positions such as anti-aircraft missile sites.

The State Department spokesman said Israel had given assurances when the cluster bombs were supplied that it would observe certain restrictions on their use.

He declined to specify the restrictions but said Israel's use of the bombs in southern Lebanon was in contravention of them.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli military spokesman refused to comment today on charges by U.S. Congressman Paul McCloskey that Israel used cluster bombs against civilians during its invasion of Lebanon.

McCloskey said Friday he had information from "unimpeachable sources" that Israel used cluster bombs against a crossroads three kilometres south of Tyre and a refugee camp 12 kilometres east of Tyre, during its invasion March 14. McCloskey said civilians lived in the areas where the bombs were dropped.

Lebanon says Israel is stalling on full withdrawal in south

BEIRUT, April 8 (Agencies). — Lebanese Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss called today for a total withdrawal of Israeli invasion troops from south Lebanon and accused the Israelis of stalling. Dr. Hoss was commenting to reporters on Israel's plans for a partial withdrawal from Lebanon from next Tuesday.

"That is not the Lebanese demand or the provision of the Security Council resolution," he said. "We are calling for a total Israeli withdrawal from Lebanese territory and will pursue efforts and pressures until this is realised."

"The land is ours and we shall not accept less than its complete and early return to us."

The prime minister added: "The Israeli enemy's methods of stalling, complication and procrastination are well-known, but our knowledge of these methods is bound to foil them."

Premier Al Hoss vowed the Lebanese government would mobilise all its Arab and international friendships to bring pressure on Israel for a quick total withdrawal.

His statement was the first official Lebanese reaction to Israel's plan for a partial pullback next week, covering less than one fourth of the 1,250 square kilometres it occupied in south Lebanon last month.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) earlier called the plan a bluff and U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said it was inadequate.

Lebanon's U.N. Ambassador, Ghassan Tuani, said in a radio interview the United States proposed a quicker timetable for Israel's withdrawal.

He told the Lebanese state radio the 21-nation Arab group would seek another U.N. Security Council session to consider sanctions against Israel "unless Israel applied the U.S.-sponsored timetable." He did not elaborate.

U.N. peace-enforcing troops were reported facing harassment from guerrillas and Israeli-backed rightist forces in south Lebanon. But Beirut newspapers said the deployment plan of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon was not seriously affected.

Norwegian units that came under guerrilla and rightist fire in two separate areas of the south in the last 48 hours went back unmolested to their original positions, newspapers and Lebanon's state radio reported.

Fresh gunfire

But Swedish U.N. forces in southern Lebanon today exchanged fire with gunmen across the Litani River, a U.N. spokesman said in Tel Aviv.

The unidentified gunmen fired light arms and a bazooka Friday night at the Swedish position near Burj Rahal, nine kilometres northeast of Tyre. The Swedes fired back without abandoning their positions and suffered no casualties, spokesman Jacques da Silva said.

It was believed to be the second time U.N. forces have used their weapons, French U.N. forces earlier were reported to have shot at an unidentified man approaching their position near Tyre.

Exchange of bodies

Meanwhile, PLO official spokesman Mahmoud Labadi said in Beirut an Israeli soldier taken

ken prisoner in an ambush near Tyre Wednesday was recovering from a gunshot wound in the arm.

Labadi declined to give the name or rank of the captive but said he may be displayed to newsmen in Beirut within the next few days.

Labadi also confirmed a United Nations report that the PLO agreed to negotiate arrangements through the International Red Cross for the return of the bodies of four Israeli soldiers killed in the ambush. "But of course, we made demands in exchange. We presented a list," Labadi said, without elaboration.

Leftist newspapers here close to the PLO said the guerrilla leadership demanded delivery of the bodies of nine guerrillas killed in the March 11 highway raid north of Tel Aviv.

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APPEAL VERDICT

NICOSIA, April 8 (R). — Two Palestinians sentenced to death for the shooting of Egyptian Editor Youssef Sibai, a close friend of President Sadat, today appealed against the sentence. Mr. Lefcos Clerides, Cypriot lawyer for Samir Mohammad Khadar, 28, and Sayid Hussein Ali, 26, filed the appeal, which is expected to be heard by the Supreme Court later this month.

EEC agrees on economic strategy

COPENHAGEN, April 8 (R). — Leaders of the nine Common Market nations agreed today on the broad lines of a common strategy to set their economies right, which would include the United States and Japan.

British Prime Minister James Callaghan told newsmen they had agreed on five strategic fronts they must tackle: faster growth, currency stability, long term capital movements, including aid, energy conservation, and more trade to halt the spread of protectionism.

The nine must develop a common strategy by their next

summit in July, in preparation for the seven-nation summit of leading industrial democracies in Bonn later that month, he said.

The Bonn meeting will group President Carter and the leaders of Japan, Canada, West Germany, France, Britain and Italy.

No specific measures have been announced here, but Mr. Callaghan held out the prospect of some in the coming months. He said the nine leaders had agreed on their analysis of the world's economic ills, but not yet on the remedies.

Mr. Callaghan said all the measures individual countries might take to improve their performance were less important than the achievement of an overall package.

This would be shown by measures taken between now and the July summit, and by decisions taken then.

The prime minister told a news conference the common strategy would be a question of "getting everybody to do things they would not want to do on their own." All must move at the same time, he said.

If they waited for the United States to settle its ene-

rgy problems, or for West Germany to stimulate growth, there would be no such strategy, he explained.

The nine community leaders discussed the possibility of achieving a 4.5 per cent economic growth rate by mid-1979. Only last November this was the target set for this year, but an authoritative EEC analysis now puts the likely rate for 1978 at only 2.8 per cent.

The prime minister said there could not be a calm period for European currencies without the dollar also being associated.

The world had been cast adrift by the loss in 1971 of the international financial guidelines set by the 1948 Bretton Woods conference. Now there was no monetary system but a series of individual arrangements.

In the search for new worldwide arrangements the special drawing rights of the International Monetary Fund had a much bigger role to play, Mr. Callaghan said.

The prime minister said Europe was suffering from higher unemployment and more unused resources than he could ever remember, and the problem was not cyclical but structural. There are six million jobless in the EEC.

The developed countries also faced a real problem of poorer nations acquiring their technology and then competing with their industries.

Riad says summit is now vital

KUWAIT, April 8 (AP). — Secretary General of the Arab League Mahmoud Riad said today that the staging of an Arab summit conference "has become a matter of life or death."

Mr. Riad arrived here following visits to Amman, Damascus and Riyadh as part of an effort to resolve the deep split in the Arab World following the unilateral peace initiative of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Discussing the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, Mr. Riad said "we must trust the Premier of Israel, Menachem Begin, when he says Israel will not withdraw from the occupied territory. The United States should be held responsible for supplying Israel with sophisticated weapons that were utilised for aggression and expansion, rather than self-defence," Mr. Riad added.

EEC wants total Israeli withdrawal

COPENHAGEN, April 8 (T). — Leaders of the European Common Market today agreed that a Middle East settlement must be based on complete compliance with demands that Israel withdraw from occupied Arab territories, authoritative sources said.

They said the nine EEC leaders reiterated their position that a settlement must be based on United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 "in all its parts and on all fronts."

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has stated this year that Israel will not withdraw completely from the West Bank.

Mr. Begin interprets Resolution 242 to mean that Israel may keep troops on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

The EEC leaders deplored all recent acts of violence in the Middle East and expressed deep concern at events in southern Lebanon.

The European Community leaders confirmed the principles set out in their special declaration on the Middle East adopted at their summit meeting in London in June 29 and said

that these remained entirely valid.

In that declaration they said that a Middle East peace settlement should be based on:

1. The inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force.
2. The need for Israel to end the territorial occupation which it has maintained since 1967.
3. Respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of every state in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognised boundaries.
4. Recognition that in the establishment of a just and lasting peace account must be taken of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

All these aspects must be taken as a whole, the June declaration said.

Speaking at a press conference after the summit Danish Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen said the community wanted Israel to pull out of all occupied territories.

The position adopted by the leaders "is in line with this, insofar as we see the massive Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon as a hindrance to peace."

World News Roundup ...

PLO suspends Cairo representative

BEIRUT, April 8 (R). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has suspended an official who attended a meeting in Cairo which was boycotted by officials of the Sadat peace initiative, a PLO spokesman said today. The spokesman, Al Safir, said the PLO's man in Cairo, Mr. Said Kamal, had been sent on "open leave" on orders from a PLO Executive Committee meeting chaired last night by Mr. Yasser Arafat. Mr. Kamal had attended a meeting of the Arab League Council in Cairo last month without authorisation.

Rhodesia conference may convene this month

USAKA, Zambia, April 8 (AP). — Zambian Foreign Minister Heke Mwaale said today that a proposed new conference of all parties involved in the Rhodesian dispute may be held later this month on the Victoria Falls Bridge between Zambia and Rhodesia. Addressing a news conference on his return from West Africa, Mwaale said the meeting might be held April 25 or 26 and would include "everybody concerned in the Rhodesian constitutional arrangements for an independent Zimbabwe."

Canary Islands leader still seriously ill in hospital

ALGIERS, April 8 (R). — Canary Islands separatist leader Antonio Cubillo was still seriously ill in an Algiers hospital tonight, three days after being stabbed in the lobby of his apartment block. Doctors have operated on Mr. Cubillo, leader of MPAIAC the movement for the self-determination and independence of the Canary Archipelago, but there has been no announcement so far about his condition. Algerian police are investigating the assassination attempt which aides of Mr. Cubillo have blamed on "Spanish colonialists." MPAIAC is seeking independence from Spain for the Canaries.

Aden official visits Saudi Arabia

ADEN, April 8 (R). — South Yemen Interior Minister Saleh Moshleh left here today for Saudi Arabia on a visit aimed at enhancing co-operation between the two countries. Maj. Moshleh told reporters he was making the visit at the invitation of his Saudi opposite number, Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz.

Saudi-Sudanese talks in Khartoum

JEDDAH, April 8 (R). — Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal left Jeddah today for Khartoum for talks with Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri, the Saudi Press Agency reported. President Nimeiri heads a committee formed by the Arab League Council last month with the aim of healing the breach caused by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative with Israel.

Gypsies meet in Geneva

GENEVA, April 8 (R). — To the strains of a Romany freedom hymn, gypsies from some 20 countries assembled here today to call for an end to harassment and discrimination. The 100 delegates from East and West Europe, India and Pakistan, took their seats at tables set in a circle under a flag symbolising the sky and the earth. Slogans in the Romany language exhorted them to stand up for their rights. Organising President Dr. Jan Cibula of Switzerland then called the Second International Romany Congress into session with an appeal for unity and a prayer to the Hindu goddess Kali. The agenda includes plans for a permanent co-ordinating committee to press the gypsies' case at the United Nations demands for full citizenship rights wherever Romanies live, and a call for reparations from West Germany for the half a million gypsies exterminated by the Nazis.

UNRWA issues urgent appeal

BEIRUT, April 8 (R). — A United Nations agency today appealed urgently for food, clothing and mattresses for 65,000 Palestinian refugees who fled their homes during the Israeli invasion of south Lebanon. The U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) said in a statement issued here that the refugees would need emergency relief for at least three more months. It said more than 20,000 people and returned to their homes, but that shell damage to refugee shelters, schools, clinics and feeding centres in the area was severe. As a result of the invasion only 25 of the 81 U.N. schools for refugee children in the south were operating, the statement said.

Hint of negotiations for Aldo Moro

ROME, April 8 (R). — Italy's ruling Christian Democratic Party said today that every avenue must be explored to free kidnapped politician Aldo Moro, opening the way for possible negotiations with his urban guerrilla captors.

But informed political sources said the party and its minority government would not back down on its refusal to swap Signor Moro for imprisoned guerrillas.

The party, under pressure from Signor Moro's family to consider a deal with the Red Brigades guerrilla gang, stressed in a front-page editorial today in its newspaper Il Popolo that the state could not be compromised over the abduction.

But, referring to the suffering of Signor Moro's family, the editorial ended: "No avenue, no possibility of restoring Signor Moro to his loved ones can be left unexplored."

For the third day running, leftwing extremists attacked targets in Rome. A small group of leftists set fire to a high school near the city-centre after painting wall slogans saying "long live the brigades."

No one was hurt in the fierce blaze, which wrecked several classrooms and caused serious damage to school equipment.

Late last night leftwingers, who have bombed Christian Democratic Party offices here this week, hurled fire bombs at a suburban office of the small Social Democratic Party, start-

ing a blaze in which one party worker and his son suffered burns.

The sources said that Signor Moro's wife Eleonora, who published a letter yesterday saying that she had no cause for hope that he would be freed, had appealed to Christian Democratic leaders to open negotiations with the guerrillas.

In a meeting with the party secretary, to whom former Premier Moro addressed a moving plea for freedom earlier this week, she had demanded some compromise with the brigades to save her husband's life, the sources said.

When the secretary repeated the government's refusal to be blackmailed by the brigades, Signor Moro decided to break her three-week silence and is-

sue her letter, they said.

All political parties have united behind Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti in his refusal to bow to blackmail from the guerrillas, who say they want the release of communist prisoners in Italian jails.

But the Christian Democrats and the government have not explicitly ruled out contacts with the kidnappers, who grabbed Signor Moro after killing his five guards in a bloody ambush here on March 16.

Today the brigades issued a communique in Genoa on their shooting there yesterday of industrialist Felice Schiavetti.

"Schiavetti has been punished as a godfather of the imperialist state of the multinational," it said.

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Time for some summity

The travels of Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad in the search for agreement on an Arab summit conference seem to us to be an altogether rational approach to the extraordinary chaos that governs the Arab World these days. Yet during these very difficult times, we continue to witness the horrifying spectacle of Arab leaders hurling accusations at one another while simultaneously placing obstacles in the way of an Arab summit. As always in such cases, the display of Arab factionalism only lets Israel off the hook once again, and serves no clear purpose for the Arabs themselves.

It is asking quite a lot that the Arab states all have identical views on how to deal with the Israelis, and given the long-standing local quarrels that dot the Middle East map it is unrealistic to think that any single strategy will win the support of all the Arab states. But there does come a time when it is in the long-term interest of all the Arab people at least to sit down and discuss those long-term strategic goals that are shared by all, and from there to see what common ground there does exist among all the Arabs. To refuse to attend summit meetings as a matter of principle is to fall into the trap of becoming so embroiled in the small items of today that one forgets the greater items that are of more historic importance.

We are dealing with a simple power equation by which the Arabs are powerful if they act in harmony, and they are powerless if they do not -- as we saw so vividly when Israel marched into south Lebanon virtually unopposed, except for the resistance of the Palestinians.

Instant Arab unity is not what a summit should seek, because this is unrealistic given the political situation in the Arab World today. But simply to continue along as we have done for the past six months is also unrealistic, and it is difficult to see how the chaos of the Arab World will be cleared away except by a high-level meeting of leaders in the near future. The longer this is put off, the longer Israel marches along unchallenged.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI Saturday referred to a "big surprise" reported by the Paris-based Arabic weekly Al Nahar, quoting Arab sources in the French capital to the effect that Menachem Begin's government was ready to agree in principle to discuss the question of Israel's withdrawal from the occupied West Bank and Gaza strip.

The newspaper says: "Although the Arab World is now living a period of surprises, judging by our long experience of Zionist aggression we completely rule out -- for numerous reasons -- the possibility of Israel's withdrawing from the West Bank and Gaza strip, let alone the city of Jerusalem."

"But," the newspaper continues, "we are amazed that such 'good tidings' should come from Arab sources in Paris, unless the intention was to administer to the already paralysed Arab body... a double dose of intoxicants to lull it into a longer cycle of slumber, to be awakened by some Israeli surprise similar to the surprise of March 15 when Israel occupied the south of Lebanon."

AL DUSTOUR discusses what it calls Israel's delaying tactics over its withdrawal from south Lebanon. It says that despite U.N. Security Council Resolution 425 calling for total withdrawal forthwith of Israel's forces from all Lebanese territory, Israel, strangely enough, has given itself the right to determine whether the U.N. peace-keeping force there can take over and keep peace.

While the newspaper commends U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's announcement that plans put forward by the Israeli chief of staff for an initial withdrawal are inadequate, it suggests that the Security Council should this time "save its resolution from the Israeli guillotine by making sure that the resolution is implemented in its entirety without delay or hesitation."

It will be a test case for the council when it meets on Monday to discuss Israel's manipulations aimed at whittling down its resolution where it concerns an Israeli pullback from south Lebanon, Al Dustour says.

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will meet on Monday, April 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the ballroom of the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. Programme: Mr. Lutfi Sayegh and a display of brass and silver.

Mrs. Hijazi's dancing girls stage knock-out performance

By Breda Finegan
 Special to the Jordan Times

Mrs. Betty Hijazi's dancing girls have done it again! The Thursday night performance at the Palace of Culture was a real knock-out.

So much so that it was of two difficult to tell who was having the better time -- the audience or the performers! And that -- is it not -- is one sure sign of a successful show.

After an introductory little number entitled "Oh look at me, I'm dancing" that's exactly what we did -- look. We sat for almost two and a half hours and watched those budding Fonteyns and Pavlovas tiptoe, prouette, and twirl through 26 items of sheer entertainment. And it wasn't all serious pet-its jetes either, the items were as various as they were plentiful with everyone from the tiny tots in the nursery class to Jean Samson, the ballet teacher, joining in to make it a truly enjoyable evening.

The teddy bears on their picnic (nursery class, ages about four years) captured the audience's heart from the very beginning, even while they were still filling onto the stage oerously clutching their little sandwich boxes -- and each other! They couldn't have worried, they performed splendidly and were well rewarded with a good solid round of applause.

Next we saw Eros, the Greek god of love, dancing in Picaadilly Circus of all places watched in gazing wonder by a solitary London bobby.

A national dance from Serbia came next and then we watched 6 little girls in pink dresses with pretty white bloomers dance an adapted version of the polka to the sweeping strains of Johann Strauss.

Among the more mature pieces were the sea-sprites who, dressed in flowing sea-green toga-like costumes, gave a well controlled and quite dramatic performance.

La Valse, by the grade five class, was a graceful, elegant piece which came just before the interval. The girls showed great scope in rhythm and style as they danced to the alternative lively/slow tempo of yet another Strauss.

And Aloha! with the Hawaiian Serenade we were mersed in the romance of the South Seas with this colourful, hip-swaying number. The audience loved it, especially that extra little wiggle at the end. The first graders were obviously having a great deal of fun as bedecked in their red, white and blue grass skirts and sporting flowers in their hair, they displayed their expertise in Hawaiian hip-swinging.

After the interval -- which found the younger members of the audience running amok all over the place, so excited were they at seeing sisters and school friends on the stage -- umbrellas twirled to a light-hearted Burt Bacharach rendering of "Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head."

Then there were a number of individual character sketches featuring a very cute "mud in the groin" in a pink checkered dress and matching mop cap, a little girl and her teddy bear, a fisherman and a convincingly mechanical clock-work doll.

That wasn't all either! The older girls in slinky green dresses danced a lively, thoroughly gay and very saucy Charleston bringing a touch of the roaring twenties into play. The list goes on and on. We saw a national dance from Holland, a tarantella, snake charmers in Eastern Fantasy, a fragile Twilight Dance, a tinley Chanson de Nuit, Fairies and Goblins frolicking in the woods, the nursery class in Mary Had a Little Lamb and Rainbow Land.

Individual items included a very professional piece called The Flower Seller, a short past, a lively mazurka with a good dramatic finishing position, a girl with a lovely smile in The Lost Bird and an excellent Magyar Dance.



Reindeer carry gifts as Christmas fairies hover in the background and a solitary snowman watches from afar.



The primary class in the line up for the Christmas Alphabet.



Mrs. Betty Hijazi, bouquet in hand, thanks the audience.

The final piece was all about Christmas. There was a snowman, children playing in their woolly hats and scarves, fairies and reindeer. The show closed with the Christmas Fairies singing the Christmas Alphabet.

In between receiving massive bouquets of flowers, Mrs. Hijazi thanked everyone who had worked so hard to make the Programme of Ballet and Dance such a success. Apart from the girls and their parents the list included Minister of Culture Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf, the Jordan Army Press, who printed the tickets and the programmes, and all those ushers, dressers, electricians and others who were working behind the scenes.

Mrs. Hijazi also announced plans for the opening of the very first ballet and dance school in Jordan later this year.

Finally, 15 girls who have proved to be outstanding pupils in the past year were presented with gifts by his Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The girls were: Lara Sabella, Reem Bakir, Nadeed Zaki, Samia Said, 'Abir Qaqish, Rula Sa'ad, Emma Broadley, Tahani Kundi, Yana Sheqem, Leila Suheimat, Hala Jamal, Zizi Shukri, Nadia Sharah, Rania Qamhawi and Hanneke Hulusoon.

The proceeds from this performance are to go The Centre for Retarded Children: at the last count Mrs. Hijazi told me they had well over JD 500.

So, in all respects Thursday's show proved to be a real out and out success, and it only remains to say that we look forward to seeing much more of Mrs. Hijazi dancing girls.

Financiers meet here Tuesday to examine potash project feasibility report

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 8. — International financing agencies will meet here on Tuesday for a three-day examination of the final feasibility report on Jordan's \$422 million potash project.

The Arab Potash Company (APC) held a preliminary feasibility meeting in London last June. Six agencies have been invited to send representatives to this week's conference, following the publication in February of the final feasibility report. They are: the World Bank, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Islamic Development Bank and the Libyan government.

One hundred and sixty eight million dollars of APC's capital is to be in equity, but the company hopes to raise as much of the rest as possible in the form of soft loans. The funding agencies invited to the meeting are expected to decide how much credit they will provide for the project within about a month from now, APC Chairman Ali Khasawneh told the Jordan Times.

The company has already raised a capital of over JD 40 million and Mr. Khasawneh said that commercial banks had shown great interest in helping to finance the project if the company's loan requirements cannot be met by the development agencies.

The feasibility report, the outcome of two years study by British and American consultants, shows that the scheme is highly feasible and profitable, Mr. Khasawneh said. "We are more than confident that we are going to get the money we want," he added.

The company plans to start production in 1982 and to reach full production of 1.2 million tons of potash per year by 1984. By the early 1990s this figure could be raised to 1.7 million tons.

National News Roundup...

Queen Alia Fund to register handicapped

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — The Queen Alia Fund for Social Work will carry out a plan for the registration of handicapped people throughout the Kingdom between April 15 and May 15. A committee formed for this purpose will, as from today, explain the registration procedure to headmasters of handicapped schools. The plan will be done in cooperation with the Department of Social Affairs at the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Education. In an interview with Jordan Television this evening Princess Basma said the registration is the first step in a project to provide the handicapped with better services and establish appropriate institutions for them.

Investigation into chest diseases begins

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — The Ministry of Health today started a four month campaign to investigate chest diseases in Jordan. During the campaign, which is supervised by Director of thoracic diseases section at the ministry Dr. Sami Al Zagha, samples of sputum and throat swabs from some 20,000 citizens picked at random will be examined in ministry laboratories. Dr. Al Zagha said the campaign will start in the Irbid governorate and will move to other areas later. At present, Dr. Al Zagha added, Jordan has six centres for the treatment of chest diseases and eleven chest laboratories in various governorates. There are also two hospitals which accept chest cases, one in Amman and the other in Ma'an.

Irbid youth choir formed

IRBID, April 8 (JNA). — The Irbid centres for young men and women have formed a choir, the first of its kind in all youth centres in the Kingdom. The choir which sings folk songs and others reflecting social trends in Jordan, consists of 14 members aged between 15-18 years.

Talks held on Amman International Post Office

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — Minister of Communications Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh today met a number of British Post Office experts and discussed with them a study they have prepared on the establishment of the Amman International Post Office which will be built in Abdall, Amman. The minister asked the delegation for a detailed report on the requirements for starting construction this year. Mr. Al Rawabdeh told reporters that the new post office will serve as an international centre for postal services and that it will be electronically operated. The building will house the ministry and its different departments as well as the parcels office, he said.

New postage stamp issued

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — The Ministry of Communications has issued a postage stamp in honour of the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Arab Postal Union. The stamp, in 25 and 40 fils units, will be put into circulation on April 12, Arab Postal Day.

New governor for Balqa

SALT, April 8 (JNA). — Mohammad Zuhair Abu Rujayeh took over today as Acting Governor of Balqa in the place of Ahmad Aqaleh who was recently appointed Under-secretary at the Ministry of Education.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Art Exhibition

An exhibition of paintings by Ibrahim Najjar opens Monday at the Goethe Institute. The opening is at 6:00 p.m. and the exhibition continues daily till next Saturday.



The General Headquarters of the Jordanian Armed Forces regrets to announce the death of

Brigadier KHALIL TAWFIQ QA'WAR
 Who passed away after a severe heart attack yesterday at the age of 48.

May God have mercy on his soul.

It was with the deepest regret that we heard of the passing away of our friend Brigadier Khalil Kavar. We offer our most sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kavar and family.

The Military Attaches in Amman.

PERSPECTIVE

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Japanese plan envisages developing industry, agriculture, tourism, transport centre in Irbid Region

Coming & Going...

Irbid cooperatives director

back from Kuwait

IRBID, April 8 (JNA). — Director of cooperatives in the Irbid Governorate Jamal 'Ubeidat returned home today after participating in a week-long conference of experts on Arab cooperatives organisations which took place in Kuwait. He said in a statement that the participants discussed ways of developing consumer cooperatives in the Arab World and in Kuwait in particular. Representatives of all Arab states took part in the conference.

Envoy back from solidarity with Palestinian farmers conference

IRBID, April 8 (JNA). — Assistant director of Irbid cooperative organisations Mohammed Al Rousan today returned home from Damascus after participating in a four-day international solidarity conference with Palestinian farmers.

Qatari Islamic team to visit Jordan

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — A Qatari delegation representing the Islamic courts — shariyah — and religious affairs in Qatar will visit Jordan on April 16 at the invitation of Jordan's Ministry of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs. The delegation will spend one week during which it will visit the ministry's projects, historical sites, and educational establishments.

Housing Corp. chief leaves for Iran

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — Director General of the Housing Corporation Hamdallah Nabulsi left for Tehran on Friday for a short visit. He will sign an agreement with the Iranian government under which the Housing Corporation will get a \$2 million loan for the financing of the second stage of housing project at Marka, east of Amman.

People and Places

By John Bonar

Magic all the way

Even a magic carpet is subject to unscheduled delays. Ingo von Wilke, the magician from Berlin arrived late for his own show at the Haya Centre on Monday. But it all went ahead next day.

The show was a very relaxed "whirlwind" of magic. The best parts were when things went wrong.

The good-humoured prestidigitator looked a bit put out while borrowed watches were accidentally smashed up, five dollar notes, burrot, handkerchiefs cut in pieces. But it all came right in the end of course and everyone was very happy.

To judge from the table load of alarm clocks, bottles and magical accessories that he produced during his show, Ingo and his assistant Michele Dounier (seen together in picture to the right) must have a comfortable weight allowance. Anyway their 11-nation trip has been laid on by courtesy of the Goethe Institute. It is perhaps not breaking a magical secret to reveal that in private life the magician is a doctor of internal medicine at a Berlin hospital.



Magician Ingo von Wilke and his assistant Michele Dounier perform a magic stunt with a walking cane.

will appear in the mass circulation Evening News in late May.

Back from Bari

Just back after a successful participation in the annual Tourism Exhibition at Bari is Director General of Tourism, Michael Hamarneh. This is the fifteenth year that Jordan has been represented in this major European tourism exposition. However it was the first time that the Tourism Ministry was joined by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, in the event. Alia's representative, the talented young artist Yusuf Hussein, named the Alia stand while Mr. Hamarneh was assisted by the head of the Tourism Ministry's Art Department, Refik Laham.

American champion of Palestinian rights

One of the most tireless fighters for Palestinian rights in the United States was here this week on a typically low-key visit to the Middle East, Mr.

Norman Dacey, head of the 400-strong American Palestine Committee, spent several days here en route back to the USA from a visit to Iraq, where he was invited by the Baghdad government. Mr. Dacey is the man behind such deeds as the court action in the USA challenging the legality of the tax-exempt status of donations to the United Jewish Appeal, and it was his group's publication of the tens of thousands of dollars that U.S. congressmen receive from speaking to Jewish groups that finally prompted the Congress to put a limit on how much a senator or representative can earn every year from such speaking fees. Mr. Dacey also brought out the information last year that Moshe Dayan personally ordered the Israeli attack on the U.S. intelligence ship Liberty during the 1967 war.

Now the long-time friend of the Arabs is putting the finishing touches to a massive (500,000-words, 1,500-page) book tracing the history of Zionism and revealing many unknown facets of its activities today. "It's documented to the Nih degree," he says, and he promises that it will generate a good deal of news with some of its revelations about Israel and Zionism.

Trapped in a bottle between life and death: A recurrent theme in Abul Rub's art exhibition



By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN, April 8 — Trapped in a bottle on the line between the desert and the sea; between good and evil, between life and death. It is the subject of an unnamed painting by Ibrahim Najjar Abul Rub and one of the recurrent themes in his exhibition, which will open on Monday at the Goethe Institute.

His canvasses show dramatic abstract scenes, whipped with lines of emotion. Palestine is one preoccupation. There is a partly surrealist painting of war, which shows a burnt out

head, the tatters of the Palestinian flag and in a corner a "small black bird" — not a wise bird.

There are other tragedies in the life of the young artist which find expression in his works. One is his love for a Christian girl from whom he has been forcibly separated. Crosses appear in his paintings, often topping above abstracted scenes of catastrophe. And there is a powerful picture of his mother's recent death, in which shrouded, bound figures come and go and are swept aside,

As Ibrahim Abul Rub explains it, his philosophy is bound up with man's powerlessness in the face of the overpowering dramas of death and love. Mummified corpses float circularly beyond life. "But this," he says pointing to another painting, "this is an abstract, no more. Don't ask me what is its name." Many of them are still unnamed.

The show will be opened at 6 p.m. on Monday and run until Saturday evening. It can be seen between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and between 4 and 7 p.m.



ed into a fisheries centre, but that is one plan for using the King Talal Dam and maybe also the Maqarin Dam, further north. This would help to meet the demand for animal protein, which constitutes at present 26 per cent of the average Jordanian's diet. The dam's primary function of course is to provide water, not just for urban areas but also for irrigation, which is badly needed in the area.

The plan hints that there will have to be some social readjustment if agriculture is to prosper in the north. It notes that there is expected to be a shortage of farm labourers in the Jordan Valley and sketches out a scheme by which workers would be encouraged to migrate between the valley and the northern highlands on a seasonal basis. It recommends development of farm villages in the north and makes passing reference to the desirability of getting the bedouin to settle down.

Tourism is the fourth sector of development on which the plan focuses. It recommends developing the Dibbin National Park and King Talal Dam as a recreation zone, and mentions the touristic potential of the hot springs at H.

Status of regional planning group

What must be decided soon is how these new planning groups are to be slotted into the government machinery. The situation is rather anomalous at the moment. Dr. Tell for instance finds himself in charge of regional planning at the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs. But despite its legal responsibilities the ministry has a staff of regional planners which is almost non-existent. The Amman Urban Region Planning Group meanwhile has no official legal status and, according to Dr. Tell, there are about seven planning agencies responsible for Aqaba.

One obvious priority for the planners is to plan how they themselves are to be administered. And to give them credit, there is evidence that this is just what they are doing now.

Amman Stock Exchange Report					
NAME OF COMPANY	PAR value	Volume traded	Opening price	Closing price	
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	4,125	6.600	6.600	
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	420	14.950	15.000	
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	752	2.150	2.150	
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	500	15.700	15.600	
Jordan - Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	575	1.600	1.650	
Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	8,400	1.050	1.100	
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	260	1.250	1.300	
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	95	0.950	0.950	
Industrial, Commercial & Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	310	2.250	2.350	
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	138	6.500	6.600	
Industrial Development Bank	JD 1,000	135	1.350	1.350	
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	216	7.300	7.200	
Total volume traded, Saturday, April 8					JD 15,926
50 per cent of share capital paid.					

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian fils	Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	307.00/309.00
U.K. sterling	576.00/580.00
W. German mark	151.80/152.80
Swiss franc	164.20/165.20
French franc	67.10/67.50
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.00/36.20
Japanese yen (for every 100)	139.30/140.10
Dutch guilder	142.40/143.30
Belgian franc (for every 100)	97.40/98.00
Swedish crown	66.90/67.30

Economic and business News

Jordanian-Syrian Industrial Committee meets

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — The Jordanian-Syrian Joint Industrial Committee started a three day session in Amman today as part of its bi-monthly meetings. The committee is entrusted with following up earlier decisions concerning the coordination of industrial enterprise in Jordan and Syria. In its present session, the committee will discuss ways of implementing plans for the exchange of industrial products between the two countries, the exchange of expertise and the holding of joint training courses for labourers in similar industries.

Postal savings fund budget approved

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — The annual budget of the Postal Savings Fund was approved today during a meeting chaired by Minister of Communications and Airman of the Saving Fund Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawab. Deposits at the fund totalled JD 1,500,000 at the end of March 1978.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6:	Channel 3:
8:30 Quran	7:30 Sala driving
9:45 Cartoons	8:30 Arabic series
10:00 1 detam of Jeanie	9:30 Wrestling
10:30 Morning Show	10:00 News
10:50 News in Arabic	10:30 The good life
11:15 One-hour feature film	11:00 Quinony
11:15 News to Arabic	10:00 News in English

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign-on	14:10 Music
7:01 Morning Show	14:30 Rubayyeh Khayyam
7:30 News Bulletin	15:00 Comedy Hour
8:00 Morning Show	15:30 Pedagogical Pop
10:00 News Headlines	16:15 Pop Session
10:30 Sign-on in History	17:00 Kallia and Dima
11:00 Sign-off	17:30 Pop Session
12:00 Sign-on and News Headlines	18:00 News Summary
12:30 Pop Session	18:30 30 Minutes of Jazz
13:00 News Summary	19:00 News Bulletin
13:30 Pop Session	19:10 News Reports
14:00 News	19:30 Sign-off

EMERGENCIES

Doctors:	Pharmacies:
Amman: (61029)	Fahad (22051)
All Zumeil (56121)	All Abu Helder (37123)
Irbid: (21370)	Sabbagh (22157)
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Zarqa: (81217)	Irbid: (22058)
Musab Hajar (81217)	Maghayreh
Taxi: (36855)	Zarqa: (81217)
Tel: (22051)	Royal

BBC RADIO

05:00 News: Press Review	13:45 Sandi Jones Requests
06:15 Letterbox	14:30 The Burlesque Way
06:30 The Face of England	15:00 Special English: News
06:45 Am I too Loud?	15:15 Concert: Hall
07:00 News: Press Review	15:30 News: Commentary
07:15 News: About Britain	16:15 Our Own Correspondent
07:30 Our Own Correspondent	16:45 Up at the Villa
07:45 News: About Britain	17:15 My Music
07:50 Our Own Correspondent	17:45 Sports Call
08:00 News: News about Britain	18:00 News: News about Britain
08:15 Radio Newsworld	18:15 News: News about Britain
08:30 The Blood	18:30 Radio Theatre
08:45 The Pleasure of Your	19:45 Am I too Loud?
09:00 News: Press Review	20:00 News: Commentary
09:15 From the Weekends	20:15 Europe
09:30 News: News about Britain	20:30 Banners and Bonnets
09:45 Sports Review	21:00 Letterbox
10:00 News: News about Britain	21:15 How to be a Musician
10:15 Our Own Correspondent	21:45 Theatre Call
10:30 News: News about Britain	22:00 News: Our Own Correspondent
11:15 Our Own Correspondent	22:35 Notes from an Observer: Reflections
11:30 Theatre of the Air	22:45 Special English: News
12:30 Frank Chastfield	23:00 News: Commentary
13:00 News: Commentary	23:15 Letter from America
13:15 Letter from America	23:30 The Blood

VOICE OF AMERICA

03:00 The Breakfast Show	17:30 alyes: News Summary
03:30, 04:00, 05:00, and 06:00	18:00 Special English: News
06:30 GMT: News, Regional	18:30 Feature: Space and
07:00, 08:30, and 09:30	19:00 Man: News Summary
10:00 News: Regional	19:30 Music: USA (Standards)
10:30 News: Regional	20:00 News: Commentary
11:00 News: Regional	20:30 News: Commentary
11:30 News: Regional	21:00 News: Commentary
12:00 News: Regional	21:30 News: Commentary
12:30 News: Regional	22:00 News: Commentary
13:00 News: Regional	22:30 News: Commentary
13:30 News: Regional	23:00 News: Commentary
14:00 News: Regional	23:30 News: Commentary

AMMAN AIRPORT

Arrivals:	Departures:
7:30 Kuwait	8:45 Beirut (MEA)
7:30 Jeddah	8:55 Cairo (EA)
7:45 Cairo (EA)	9:00 Beirut
8:10 Doha (AZ)	9:00 Rome (AZ)
8:15 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ-GP)	9:30 Larnaca, Athens
8:40 Riyadh (SDI)	10:00 Rome
10:30 Rawalpindi (BA)	11:00 Riyadh, Ohahrn (SOI)
11:15 Beirut	
11:20 Kuwait (KAC)	11:20 London (BA)
17:15 Amsterdam, Brussels, Geneva, Larnaca, Damascus, Baghdad	12:30 Kuwait (KAC)
18:00 London, Paris	13:00 Cairo
18:30 Rome	17:00 Damascus
18:45 Cairo	19:30 Baghdad
19:15 Frankfurt	20:00 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ-GP)
20:00 Beirut (MEA)	
20:30 Kuwait, Doha (RJ-GP)	20:45 Jeddah (Ext.)
21:30 Jeddah	21:30 Jeddah
22:00 Beirut (MEA)	22:00 Tehran
22:30 Kuwait, Doha (RJ-GP)	24:30 Dubai (AZ)

CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

American Centre	Tel. 41520
British Council	36147-8
French Cultural Centre	37009
Goethe Institute	41993
Soviet Cultural Centre	44203
Haya Arts Centre	65195
Hussain Youth City	39844
Y.W.C.A.	41793
Amman Madad Library	64251
University of Jordan Library	65111
Citadel Museum	36191
Folklore Museum	36191

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Developing world to set up council of exporter states

GENEVA, April 8 (A.P.). — Forty developing countries have decided to establish a council that will group associations of raw materials exporters to seek the restructuring of international trade in commodities and to "secure just and remunerative prices."

Oil-exporting nations were among those represented at the three-day meeting which ended late Friday. And the chairman of the conference, Sri Lanka's Ambassador Susanta de Alwis, told reporters that he hoped the oil exporter's group, presumably the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), would be among the first producer-exporter groups to join in forming the council.

He said that to start up the council, at least five such

associations have to indicate their readiness to join. He said he hoped that within a year at least five such groups will have given the go-ahead to make the council functional.

Lobbying aim
De Alwis said that among the purposes of the planned Council of Exporters Associations would be to lobby and provide support for the integrated programme for commodities and a common fund to finance it.

The integrated programme and the common fund are ma-

for projects of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Despite several meetings, the developing nations and the industrial world still are far apart on the common fund, which would make the integrated programme a viable project.

All members of the Group of 77 developing nations were invited to attend the conference that decided to set up a Council of Exporters Associations.

De Alwis said that of the 133 developing nations, only 60 were represented in various producer-exporter associations and thus would have felt a real need to attend the meeting. Of these, 40 attended, but De Alwis said that most others had indicated that they were unable to come to Geneva because of time pressures, the meeting having been called at short notice.

The leftists dominate French fashion, even if they didn't win the elections

PARIS, April 8 (R). — Socialists and Communists may have been defeated in the French parliamentary elections but "leftist" fashions will dominate the autumn and winter ready to wear presentations starting in Paris this weekend.

The specialists in mass fashion created their latest collections months before the elections were held in March and the prospect of a left victory persuaded the majority of designers to opt for sane, sensible silhouettes and a most modest demeanor.

The centre-right coalition won the elections but the designers are now stuck with the more sober creations -- and so is the general public. Trousers, which made a tremendous comeback in the spring and summer high fashion collections, will be everywhere. Sportswear looks will also be common. Yves Saint Laurent announces he will evolve his own couture collection from last January.

His skinny, sewn off trousers paired to bellhop and waiter's jackets will be among the most copied looks of the season. But the newest styles in pants are pegtop with fullness over the hips, tapering down to lengths just above the ankle bone and worn with very high heeled sandals.

Generally, fashions will be far more tailored as well as conservative. Most of the billowing fullness and all of the folklore of the past few seasons is finished.

Shoulders will be much wider, while hem lengths will generally remain unchanged, stabilised around the top or middle of the calf. French designers have taken a long look at Britain and copied some of their greatest country classics.

There will be an epidemic of tartans. Traditional clan plaids such as the "black watch" jacket with epaulettes playing up the broader shoulders. There will also be Irish tweeds frequently combining two or three different patterns in the same ensemble.

Colour is one of the most cheerful signs on the horizon. Following black and all the sombre autumn tonalities, vivid colours will help to lighten the winter scene. Many hues appear to have stepped out of Renaissance paintings, with their deep rich ochre tones, burgundy, the warm browns and bright blues.

The latest attraction at one leading parison beauty firm (Harriet Hubbard Ayer) is to adjust the colour of one's eyes to a specific coagule. Thanks to contact lenses, the pupils of madame's eyes can now be coordinated with any shade on the fashion spectrum.

Israeli seamen end their prolonged strike

TEL AVIV, April 8 (AP). — Israeli seamen have ended a strike that lasted nearly three months and agreed to submit their pay demands to an arbitrator.

Backed by a government get-tough-with-strikers policy, the merchant fleet management stuck to its original offer of

a 20-25 per cent pay hike to the about 2,000 seamen. The management also demanded, and received, a promise from the union to avoid another shutdown during the new contract.

The end of the seamen's strike was the only good news for the troubled economy, El Al,

the national airline, was shut down by the management to force labour discipline on its workers. The airline has been closed since Tuesday, affecting about 1,500 passengers daily.

Radio and television journalists are also on strike, and teachers and civil servants are threatening sanctions.

Weekly Wall Street report Investors await new Carter message on economic programme

NEW YORK, April 8 (A.P.). — Stock market investors' attention turns to Washington this coming week with President Jimmy Carter scheduled to provide his prescription for the United States' economic ills.

Wall Streeters are not expecting any miracle cures from Carter when he delivers his speech Tuesday on inflation, the depressed dollar and the energy situation.

As Ernst Anspach of Loeb Rhoades, Hornblower and Co. put it in a recent commentary: "A phenomenon such as inflation, caused by many factors, cannot be expected to yield to any one remedy."

But there were expectations that Carter might call for some stronger measures to deal with inflation than he has previously. The anti-inflation message he delivered last year was generally criticised in the financial community as lacking substance.

Some market-watchers, for instance, speculated that Carter might propose measures that would use tax incentives or tax penalties to discourage increases in wages or prices beyond specified limits.

In any case, analysts said investors have been encouraged by the recent emphasis being placed on the importance of combating inflation by members of the administration, Chairman G. William Miller of the Federal Reserve and other top government officials.

That encouragement helped to fuel a stock market rally in the past week, pushing the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks up 12.22 to 769.53. It was the best week for the average since it rose 14.55 last Dec. 19-23.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index of more than 1,500 common stocks picked up 22 to 50.41. The American Stock Exchange market value index, riding a continuing wave of enthusiasm for smaller, lesser-known issues, jumped 2.87 to 131.81. The index broke through the 130 level for the first time since it was established at 100 in August of 1973.

Volume on the Big Board set a brisk pace, averaging 24.03 million shares a day

against 21.30 million the week before.

Eye on inflation

The latest reading on the intensity of inflationary pressures came in Thursday, when the U.S. Labour Department reported that wholesale prices of finished goods -- the next-to-last link in the distribution chain before goods are priced for retail sale -- rose at a 7.2 per cent annual rate in March. That represented a slowdown from the 13.2 per cent annual pace set the month before, but it set off no excitement.

On the same day, the Council on Wage and Price Stability issued a study which reached the gloomy conclusion that the underlying rate of inflation "seems hopelessly stuck" within the six to seven per cent range.

"The risks of higher future inflation are far greater than the possibility of deceleration," the council added.

Dollar worries

The inflation problem is intertwined with other worries that have been plaguing the market in recent months, including the dollar's slump.

Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal pointed late in the past week to what he described as "a kind of vicious circle" in which inflation in this country prompts foreign selling of the dollar, reducing the dollar's value and thus increasing prices of imports, which in turn adds to inflationary pressures.

Blumenthal repeated the administration's frequently stated position against mandatory controls on wages or prices, describing such controls as "counterproductive."

As Anspach at Loeb Rhoades, Hornblower and Co. concluded: "We noted with interest that in a recent Harris Poll the respondents viewed inflation as a more serious problem than unemployment with a 46 per cent to 33 per cent plurality."

"It would seem to us that any meaningful, not too controversial effort to subdue inflation would have salutary effects for financial and currency markets."

Antarctic discoveries reveal new clues to life on Mars

By a Special Correspondent

The chances of eventually finding life on Mars are beginning to look brighter following new discoveries made in Antarctica.

WASHINGTON, (WFS) — Dramatic new finds by scientists working in Antarctica have raised expectations that there may yet prove to be life on Mars. But new techniques, very different from those used by the Viking landers in 1976, will be needed to detect it.

The new finds have been made in a region of Antarctica called Dry Valleys, which was previously thought too hostile for life. It is a place where strong winds have

swept away the ice and snow, and where conditions in some ways resemble those of Mars. Dr. Imre Friedmann, an American biologist, has discovered that, despite the inhospitable surroundings, life does exist there inside rocks, in the form of microbes, algae and fungi.

The rocks have to be light-coloured, exposed to sun-light and either porous or with microscopic fissures. They have the capacity to filter excessive solar radiation and trap

water, so that humidity is much higher inside than outside.

"Sunlight penetrates the rocks," says Dr. Friedmann, "and inside, the rocks warm up. The surface of the rocks may be freezing, but a few millimetres inside it is quite warm."

Dr. Richard Young, NASA's chief planetary biologist, says that this discovery "is of considerable interest to NASA in designing future attempts to study planetary surfaces and search for evidence of life."

NASA scientists, when next they land craft on Mars, may therefore break open rocks in search for the elusive Martians. The Viking landers, which failed to find life or even organic molecules on Mars, were not equipped for such work.

Porous rocks would give more protection on Mars. Unlike the Earth, its surface is not shielded from lethal ultraviolet radiation by an ozone layer in its atmosphere. Any Martian life would, therefore, have to find or evolve its own shielding.

Meteorites galore

Scientists have also recently discovered that Antarctica is a virtual mine of meteorites. American and Japanese geologists during the scientific season just ended, have found 310 meteorites on old ice surfaces which have lost their snow.

Never before have meteorites been collected in such quantity, and never before have they been so well preserved from chemical changes, contamination and erosion.

Scientists value meteorites because they are remnants of the original materials (the nebula) from which the Sun and planets formed. They are fragments -- sometimes very large fragments -- from the collisions of bodies which did not come together to form planets or moons.

Two of the 310 Antarctic meteorites are very special: they contain an abundance of the very basis of life -- carbon. Previously only 25 such meteorites were known.

Biochemists are anxious to analyse carbon-bearing meteorites to see what organic molecules (the molecules of life) have been formed by purely physical processes in space. A few years ago, Dr. Cyril Ponnamperuma of Maryland University found amino acids, the molecular units of proteins, in

the Murchison meteorite which fell in Australia in 1969.

Contamination is the major problem in this research, but all the Antarctic meteorites are being handled like moon rocks: special gloves, sterile bags, sterile metal boxes provided by NASA.

Dr. Roy Clarke, curator of meteorites at the Smithsonian Institution, describes the Antarctic meteorites "as significant as the recovery of moon rocks". In some ways, as Clarke says, they are better. "Lunar rocks, while very old, have been subjected to heat and pressures generated when the Moon was first formed and its surface was still molten". The Antarctic meteorites, on the other hand, come relatively uncontaminated, the debris from the birth of the solar system some 5 billion years ago.

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The rules of football hooligans...

By Lloyd Timberlake

LONDON, (R). — Britain's football hooligans operate by a code of unwritten rules as strict as those governing any tribal society, according to a book by two Oxford University anthropologists and a London social worker.

The fans' well-publicised antics, described by the press in such terms as "mindless violence" and "destructive anarchy" are in most cases rituals which minimise violence, according to Peter Marsh, Rom Harré and Elizabeth Rosser in their book, "The Rules of Disorder" (Routledge and Kegan Paul).

They have uniforms, leaders, priests and even a well-defined career structure. The three based their ideas on three years of watching and video-taping the crowds of teenagers who occupy the London road end of the Oxford United Football Ground, defending this territory against fans of visiting teams.

Extensive interviews

They followed these observations with extensive interviews, but admitted they never actually stood in the London Road terrace themselves, first because this "would require a very brave and slightly suicidal social investigator," but also because their presence would change the kids' behaviour.

They dubbed the loudest terrace group the "rowdies," boys between 12 and 17 dressed in steel-toed boots, denim, team scarves and pennants. These dominate in the chants and the "aggro" (slang for aggression, verbal and otherwise).

The "novices," aged about ten, watch and applaud the rowdies, hoping to become rowdies themselves one day. The "town boys," 18-25, don't dress up, fight or chant but are respected by the rowdies as tribal elders. Most

were tough rowdies themselves in their time.

The rowdies' high priest is the "chant leader," who must be tall, loud and able to compose and lead profane chants belittling the masculinity of the opposing team and its fans.

Top dog among the rowdies is the "aggro leader," not necessarily the best fighter, but the one who will lead an assault on the visiting fans' end of the pitch or lead a defence of his end.

Hooligans antics

Among the rowdies are boys referred to as "hooligans," who have a reputation for entertaining antics. The authors explain that stealing a gum machine from a shop would not be enough to get a boy known as a "right hooligan," but stealing it and waiting down the centre of the road with it would gain respect.

In interviewing rowdies, about recent matches the authors heard horrible tales of huge fights in which opposing fans were kicked, mutilated, had teeth knocked out and were driven off in large numbers.

But video tapes of the afternoon in question showed nothing much happened besides

a bit of pushing and shoving -- and a lot of shouting.

"What the soccer terraces offer is a chance to escape from the dreariness of the weekday world of work or school to something which is adventurous or stimulating," the authors write.

But for this to work, the terraces must be viewed as places full of danger and uncertainty. The boys must "aspire to construct disorder."

This they do with their rhetoric of violence. The press and media help them by using the same rhetoric.

Medieval knights

But keeping the terraces relatively safe, considering the fact that hundreds of aggressive adolescents confront each other there every Saturday afternoon, are a set of rituals reminiscent of those medieval knights.

Confrontations are usually verbal only. When opposing forces get too close, the smaller almost invariably runs. Running away is regarded as sensible rather than cowardly. The boys also seem to depend on police to keep them apart, cursing the police soundly for it afterwards.

The authors compare these aggressive but usually non-violent confrontations to the ritualised posturing of male

lizards competing for territory, puffing and hissing but not actually fighting, and to New Guinea warriors who use no feathers on their arrows so few on either side will be killed.

"Nutters"

The trio do admit the existence of a type of rowdy called the "nutters" who will beat up an opponent who is already running, but note that these are not respected by their mates, as indicated by the name.

Saturday football "aggro" damages trains and buses, forces the closure of shops and bars in host towns, interrupts matches and leads to dozens of arrests and trials. Because it is ritual, the authors say, it is not necessarily good.

But neither is it the "mindless violence" of media reports and political speeches.

The authors tell of a television reporter, aware of their research, who approached a "rowdy" and said "there's a psychologist here who seems to think that the behaviour of football fans is really a big ritual -- what do you have to say about that?"

The boy looked thoughtful, shuffled, glanced down at his huge boots, looked up, said, "yeah, that's right," and strolled off.

New puzzle in distant space challenges modern science

Nothing travels faster than light -- at least that was the assumption until recently, when scientists started observing strange happenings at the edges of the universe.

By Edward Ashpole

LONDON, (WFS). — Something appears to be moving faster -- many times faster -- than light! But this, as Einstein showed at the beginning of the century, is theoretically at least, impossible. So what is happening?

The new observations, called superlight motions, are important because Einstein's theories are part of the structure of modern science. Experiments and observations during more than half a century have shown him to be correct.

Astronomers first discovered superlight motions in quasars, the most distant and most powerful radiators of energy in the universe. Some quasars are as much as a hundred times brighter than the brightest galaxy, but being so far away look like faint bluish stars.

Nuclei

Since we see quasars as they were billions of years ago, which is the time their light has taken to reach us, they may be an early stage in the formation of galaxies. Perhaps, they are the incredible "hulds" of galaxies as before the formation of stars when such accumulations of energy and matter were behaving in ways we do not yet understand.

Superlight motions were first noticed a few years ago

in quasar 3C 279. Radio signals showed that two components associated with the quasar were separating at ten times the speed of light! But at that time the remoteness of quasars was still in dispute. There was, therefore, a chance that the observation was nothing unusual.

Since then, astronomers have discovered superlight motions in other quasars. The "two-component" structure of quasar 3C 345, for example, is expanding at seven times the speed of light, while a report at this year's American Astronomical Society meeting claims the discovery of a source that is moving at 40 times the speed of light.

Characteristics

Astronomers have found superlight motions to have two main characteristics: namely that a contraction between the two radio components concerned has never been observed, and the speed at which they are separating remains constant.

The best explanation of what is happening so far is that a shock wave from a quasar travels into space, and that the wave becomes many light years across. Eventually, it hits a region of gas, and the interaction generates the radiation we are observing as superlight motions. Because the wave front is hitting this region of gas at different ti-

mes in different places, we see the resulting radiation as a movement faster than light. Less conventional explanations also come to mind, especially as quasars, first discovered in 1963, themselves defy explanation. Perhaps, for example, the speed of light has been slowing down since the birth of the universe. Maybe in those distant times, things moved faster -- even light!

By James Young

HONG KONG (WFS). — About 20 million Chinese live overseas, and important changes in their relationship with the motherland may be developing in mainland China. Two recent developments are seen as being particularly significant: One is the preparation for a national conference on overseas Chinese affairs which is expected to be held in Peking later this year. The other is to be found in a proposal that Chinese mainland citizens should be allowed to travel to family reunions abroad.

The overseas Chinese are scattered all over the world, from Sydney to San Francisco. Included in that term are the four million or so Hong Kong Chinese who, although not across the sea, are still a world

A national conference on expatriates is to be held in China, and an important consideration is expected to be the part Western-oriented Chinese can play in modernising Chinese agriculture, industry, defence and technology.

protect the interests of the overseas Chinese and assist those who have returned to the motherland." As the NCNA put it, in reporting the meeting: "The overseas Chinese are concerned about their motherland, have deep love for it, and have made contributions towards expanding the patriotic front and the international united front, and aiding the country's socialist construction."

The meeting defined guidelines for the work concerning overseas Chinese affairs, including the protection of the rights and interests of overseas Chinese, and also "to make earnest efforts to do a good job of the reception work for those overseas Chinese who come back to visit relatives." The meeting called on Party committees at all levels to "strengthen leadership over this work" and to attach importance to it.

The conference is probably going to be held in Peking and although no date as yet appears to have been set for it, it is expected to take place later this year.

Although overseas Chinese do return to China, mostly to visit relatives, and some for good, emigration from China is not allowed. Some Chinese do escape, particularly to Hong Kong, and it is from Hong Kong that the main immigration to other parts of the world takes place today.

A slight crack in the bamboo curtain may be seen from a report in the Chinese official newspaper People's Daily early in January, in which a leading party member proposed that Chinese citizens should be allowed to travel abroad for family reunions. This is believed to be the first time for many years that it has been publicly put forward that Chinese should be allowed to visit other countries for a reunion.

In some countries, the Chinese have been settled for many years, as in Britain, particularly in London and Merseyside, and in San Francisco on the west coast of America, where "Chinatown" is a major tourist attraction. Since immigration laws were eased a decade ago, about 20,000 Chinese a year have entered the United States, mostly from Hong Kong.

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